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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the Northeast, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where featured. Food service was moderate to fairly good, best for fast for promotions. Supplies were balanced to well cleared and trading at premium levels in the East; in the remaining areas, availability was sufficient. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were close to tight and moving well, and all other parts were adequate or obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 69.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.25 cents last year on September 11, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	208.00
BREASTS - B/S	197.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.00
LEG QUARTERS	33.00
WINGS	83.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate with fair trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to closer balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat was no more than adequate and continued to have strong movement. Breast items were mixed, but available, with tenders in the closest supply, and wings were close to short, best for larger cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance and commanding normal premiums. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to fairly good. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient and bone-in breasts continued in good balance. Legs and leg quarters were clearing well. Wings and tenderloins were tightly balanced.

MIDWEST The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Supplies of whole birds were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Retail movement was light to moderate, best interest into limited features. Food service demand remained irregular, mostly moderate overall, instances good into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to instances long. Weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts trading was moderate to fairly good for seasonal items and best for wings and tenders with thigh meat receiving a moderate to good call; remaining items saw marginal interest. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, tenders, and thigh meat; steady to barely steady on boneless/skinless breasts, and steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN The market was steady. Offerings in close balance from local producers and adequate overall from southern producers. Retailer demand was moderate overall best to cover feature activities. Floor stocks adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 09/06/03	2003	2002
EGGS SET	200,452	203,517
CHICKS PLACED	167,621	167,094
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		-02
		0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 6, 2003. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 6, 2003 were 6.05 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 18-Oct-03 is estimated at 154.7 million head. This compares to 155.2 million head the previous week and to 157.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.9 million head and the composite weighted average price 52.70 cents per pound.

SEP 09 **SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** SEP 10
 F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	977	158.00-238.00	162-165	164.69
TENDERLOINS	230	160.00-218.00	160-165	168.70
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	92.00-107.00	92-95	95.16
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	129	31.00-50.00	32-33	33.76
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	633	27.00-29.00	28-29	28.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	29.00-35.00	30-31	30.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	277	73.00-89.00	-	85.18
WINGS (CUT)	503	80.00-98.00	-	87.58
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 SEP 09, 2003 -- FOB DOCK

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	882	162.00-238.00	167-170	167.96
TENDERLOINS	230	160.00-216.00	160-165	168.74
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	93.00-103.00	95-96	95.77
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	114	30.00-50.00	32-33	33.95
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	643	27.00-29.00	28-29	28.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,010	29.00-34.00	30-31	30.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	278	78.00-91.00	-	87.66
WINGS (CUT)	438	80.00-98.00	-	87.42
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 SEP 10, 2003 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.50 - 58.00	56.32	54.50 - 58.50	56.53	56.33

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were adequate to balanced with bone-in breasts noted in the best position. Dark meat cuts were clearing very well. Wings and tenderloins remained in tight balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good with feature activity providing the best draw. The market tone was steady on boneless-skinless breasts, fully steady to instances firm bone-in breasts, wings and tenderloins; fully steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

SEP 09	CURRENT NEG	WTD	SEP 10
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	175-180	175.57	631,006
TENDERLOINS	155-160	155.14	153,980
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	90.54	258,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.86	56,480
LEGS	37-38	36.73	343,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.47	577,774
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	37.12	191,340
THIGHS	27-28	39.11	57,200
B/S THIGHS	75-76	78.02	59,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	72-73	78.89	188,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.30	45,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	31.96	11,765
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	43.54	27,290

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	09/10	09/09	09/08	09/05	09/08	09/05	09/03	09/01
ALA	4,103	4,053	4,021	4,354	5.21	5.06	4,092	(A)
ARK	5,230	5,285	5,234	5,198	5.13	5.07	4,918	(A)
DELMARVA	2,345	2,286	2,286	2,728	5.47	5.36	2,335	(A)
KY-LA-TN	2,005	2,001	1,996	2,386	4.92	4.71	1,963	(A)
MISS	3,101	3,113	3,084	3,103	5.34	5.09	3,073	(A)
NC	2,450	2,476	2,429	2,659	6.28	6.24	2,481	(A)
TEXAS	2,336	2,369	2,498	2,497	5.10	4.84	2,488	(A)
TOTAL	21,570	21,620	21,548	23,007	5.32	5.18	21,350	4.28
MON-WED	64,763(B)						47,749(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 9/10 is estimated to be 32,271,000 up 0.7 percent from a week ago and up 1.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,038,000; last year 31,799,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 101-103
	ICE PACK 100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 89-105
	ICE PACK 105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91
	DRY PACK 89
DUCKS	152-175

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-SEP-03

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/13/03 (1)	09/06/03
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	160,761 (2)	141,296
LT HENS	1,162	1,069
HVY HENS	1,653	1,382
CHECK TOTAL	163,576	143,747

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Sep-03 is 157.1 million head compared to 160.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.6 million head or 4.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-Sep-03 the estimated available is 158.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 09/08/03	223,763	49,149
AM 08/01/03	221,358	58,470
CHG	2,405	-9,321
PCT CHG	1	-16

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	9/08/03	9/02/03	9/9/02	9/08/03	9/02/03	9/9/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	20,615	20,408	31,087	4,639	9,601	8,307
LOS ANGELES	420	472	1,337	2,164	2,330	3,499

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-63
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-76

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 9/09/03			FOR 9/09/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	1.45	.74	HEAVY FOWL ea.	4.75	5.25
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	6.50
BROILERS lb.	.65	.95	.82	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	1.00
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.25	7.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.60	1.11	ROOSTERS ea.	-	4.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	3.00	4.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	1.00
DUCKS lb.	.65	1.50	1.08	DUCKS ea.	2.50	9.50
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.25	.91	RABBITS ea.	1.75	3.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.25	9.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	9.75	15.00
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	5.75	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	3.50	-			
TOTAL COOPS	167					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 5, 2003

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Back & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	48.13	117.19	62.78	8.37	12.56	46.04
High	52.32	125.56	66.97	16.74	16.74	46.04
Mostly	50.23	117.19	62.78	12.56	12.56	46.04

SAN JUAN

Low	47.71	108.82	62.78	8.37	12.56	46.04
High	51.90	117.19	66.97	16.74	16.74	46.04
Mostly	50.23	117.19	62.78	12.56	16.74	46.04

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	47.71	108.82	62.78	8.37	12.56	48.13
High	51.90	117.19	66.97	12.56	16.74	48.13
Mostly	50.23	117.19	62.78	12.56	12.56	48.13

BECERRA

Low	48.13	108.82	62.78	8.37	12.56	48.13
High	52.32	117.19	71.15	16.74	16.74	48.13
Mostly	50.23	117.19	66.97	12.56	16.74	48.13

DELMARVA Movement of read-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good and continued to keep the bulk of seller offerings in good balance to well cleared, particularly on the heavier weight sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to well cleared on most items.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	55-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.36
NO. OF BOXES	7,701

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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